

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 8-13 as follows:

-- International Patent Application No. WO 01/69593,  
corresponding to U.S. Patent 6,925,434, discloses a parametric  
encoding scheme, in particular a sinusoidal encoder, in which an  
input audio signal is split into several (possibly overlapping)  
time segments or frames, typically of duration 20 ms each. Each  
segment is decomposed into transient, sinusoidal and random  
components. It is also possible to derive other components of the  
input audio signal such as harmonic complexes, although these are  
not relevant for the purposes of the present invention.--.